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Merry Christmas!

In behalf of all of the staff members and students of Bryan University, I extend to each of our friends cordial Greetings in the Name of Christ.

We deeply appreciate the fellowship we have had with Christ and with our contributing and praying friends in doing His work during the past year. The people of the world will make much of Christmas, but they cannot enter into the joys of real Christmas nor can they understand genuine fellowship with Christ. May the abounding joys of this fellowship be yours at this Christmas time.

President Rudd.

NEW MASTHEAD

Of interest to our readers may be the information that the masthead used for NEWSETTE is made from an actual photograph of Bryan Hill, taken from the Double-S road. It includes the back part of the campus, with a section of Lake Chickamauga to the left and Highway 30 winding its way around the Hill and on into Dayton. NEWSETTE is indebted to the S. Hugh Paine Advertising Service for this realistic and attractive heading.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

When a scheduled hour-and-a-half praise and prayer service failed to meet the time demands, it was extended some fifteen or twenty minutes to give everyone who desired an opportunity to express his thanks to the "Giver of all good gifts." Praise

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A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION FROM PRESIDENT RUDD

God loveth a cheerful giver, so let's not allow high prices to spoil our Christmas joy. It isn't Christmas without giving to Christ, and to the friends and relatives that He has given us. The way to beat "Old Man Inflation" right at the start is to budget our giving to include remembrances for our friends and relatives, and also the gifts for the Lord's work.

Limited incomes and rising prices created a problem for my family at Christmas-time in 1926. My sister, Inez, and others with her in college, remained with my Uncle George, rather than spend money for the trips to distant homes. Just out of college and having received only three months' salary, I also decided to spend Christmas at Uncle George's. Thus there was a large gathering of friends and relatives for the exchanging of Christmas gifts.

We solved the problem by exchanging very inexpensive gifts and also by putting beneath the Christmas tree packages of things already belonging to those present. Sister Inez received the six or seven compacts she had so recently received for graduation from high school, and, to increase the fun, several more belonging to others of the gathering.

Imagine Uncle George's surprise and delight when he opened a package containing the Mackinaw that he had been unable to find that morning, but which he had already worn for two or three winters. The first package opened by Inez contained a well-worn compact, which she recognized as belonging to her roommate. She was overcome with emotion because she assumed that straightened finances prompted her roommate to

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New Year's Day is the special day to pray for Bryan! Will you pray?

Christ Above All

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FROM EVOLUTION TO CHRIST

Rev. William C. Bennett.

"Men, Monkeys, and Missing Links" is the title of a message that the Lord used to settle in my mind once and for all the question of evolution. Since it was a bit unusual, I write about it that others who may have fallen for the seemingly plausible arguments of the followers of evolution may be helped.

The roots of this story go back to my junior year in high school, when I came to know the Lord as my personal Saviour. Knowing Him was a true conversion from a life of sin to one of surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ. One distinct proof to me was the great hunger and desire I had to know the Word of God. I felt very much as Job must have when he wrote about having esteemed God's Word "more than my necessary food." This verse proved to be a blessing to me when I was reading through the Bible for the first time. A local Bible teacher conducted a Bible study class on Tuesday nights, and I made it a point never to miss a session, gaining a thorough foundation, an anchor of the soul, holding me fast when about to be moved onto a foundation of shifting sand. There was also the attraction of Bible conferences in our city, and in the winter I waded through snow more than once to hear God's servants open up the Scriptures. Nothing could keep me away from an opportunity to "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

In the meantime the Lord laid His hand upon me for the Gospel ministry, so upon graduation from high school I enrolled in a denominational college for further training. This school was supposed to be a "Christian" college, and Bible was required in the sophomore year. With considerable interest and zeal, I entered my freshman year.

All went well until my sophomore year. The influence of a college environment which had strong intellectual trends soon made its imprint upon me. The growing fascination for learning created within me an obsession to be intellectual. Among the courses I signed up for, two were zoology and philosophy. One enabled me to begin a study of science and the other to interpret it and life in general from an intelligent point of view. I actually felt that when I began to study philosophy I had entered the sanctuary of the elite.

In both of these courses the professors were ardent devotees of the evolutionary theory, and as often as opportunity afforded, they brought it into their lectures, especially the philosophy professor, who had been educated in Germany. In making us lovers of wisdom, he also made

us lovers of his false theories. As often happens when a student especially admires a teacher, I became enamored of this professor. He invited me to his home on a number of occasions, delightful hours of discussions on the subjects of philosophy, evolution, and the Bible, the latter being of a destructive nature.

One of the pet theories of my philosophy professor was what he called "emergent evolution," a philosophical explanation of the nature of evolution. There were certain "stages" in the progress of evolution, and one stage "emerged out of" the previous stage. As the year went along, these things began to have a telling effect upon me and I became fascinated with all this learning. Since all really intelligent people, and truly educated ones, believed in evolution—as we were told—I could not be behind in this respect. Hence, my reading tended more and more to the subject of evolution.

At the end of my sophomore year I took home a large book one of the professors had recommended highly. It was "Creative Evolution," by Henri Bergson. I had not read far before I realized that, while it might be intellectual, it would also be quite tedious and laborious reading. It was like wading through heavy mud. But I was determined to read that book, just so I could say I had read it. However, before much more progress was made, an incident occurred which spared me the pain of further reading.

About the middle of the summer I attended a local summer Bible Conference. Since my interest in the study of the Word had waned considerably, I went only for a friend's sake. The interest in evolution had quenched the zeal for God's holy Word, as I am persuaded it will stop interest in the Scriptures. One of the speakers at the Bible Conference was Dr. Arthur I. Brown, former physician and surgeon, and a scientist of repute with a number of degrees after his name, which considerably impressed me. My friend told me that Dr. Brown was an expert on the subject of evolution and in many debates had never lost a one.

But Dr. Brown was also an able student of God's Word and could expound it most effectually. As he spoke from the Scriptures, there was a response in my heart to the Truth he gave. I knew he was right, but rather obstinately persuaded myself that I was still interested in evolution.

The program listed a talk on Thursday night by Dr. Brown on "Men, Monkeys, and Missing Links: The Truth About Evolution." The subject was intriguing, and I was there. Though it happened 15 years ago, it is all quite vivid to me now. Dr. Brown opened with some rather critical and disparaging remarks about a book called "Creative Evolution" by Henri Bergson. I wondered who had told him that I was trying to read and understand it. He showed that it was difficult to read because of the big, meaningless words. It was an effort to make true science fit into the evolutionary mold. Therefore, it could only be confusing. And I admitted this was correct.

This was just the beginning of a hard downfall, for Dr. Brown proceeded to take up the subject from the standpoint of comparative anatomy, embryology, palaeontology, and the vestigial organs. He went from point to point logically and scientifically demonstrating from his own experience and laboratory work, that there

THE BIBLE AND CHRISTMAS GIVING

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23.

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Romans 8:32.

I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than

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could be no sound basis of fact in evolution. His arguments were conclusive and convincing. Slowly I began to see the error into which I had fallen and the truth I had missed. Here was a message that was for me alone.

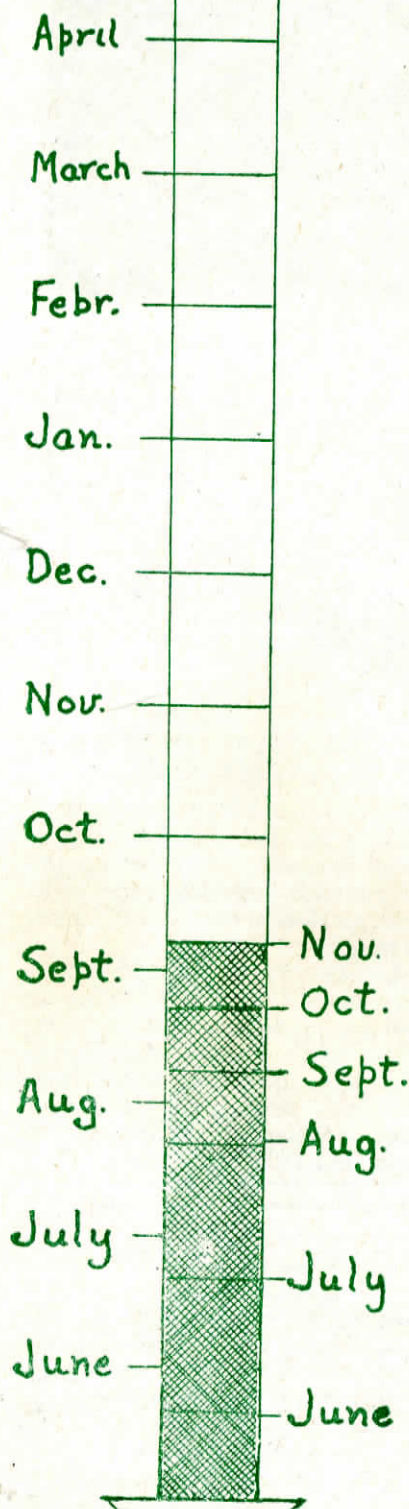
When Dr. Brown closed in prayer, I settled back into my seat, for all through his talk I had sat on the edge of the seat, afraid to miss a word. Then I suddenly was nervous and even trembled. I felt as though something had been forcibly knocked out of me—and it had. Never before had a message struck me with so much force and power as that one. After the service I went up to shake hands with Dr. Brown and tell him what had happened. As I gave him my hand, it was actually shaking as though I had St. Vitus Dance. But from that night to this day I have never once been caught in the net of evolutionary teaching.

I am grateful to the Lord for raising up men like Dr. Brown, men who have the knowledge, learning, scientific background, and the ability to steer young people away from the dangerous and rocky coast of evolution. I am thankful for the great stand William Jennings Bryan made in the famous Scopes trial some years ago, and for the same stand which is carried on today by the University which bears his name.

When I returned to college for my junior year I could tell my professor friend and all others that their theories no longer interested me. I still believed God's Word, and have had the same hungry desire for it ever since the Lord graciously sent Dr. Brown my way.

Bryan University

Our 1947 Our
Budget 1948 Income
May \$39,600



November Gifts (Operating Fund)\$ 1,620.57
Monthly Budget 3,300.00
Total Gifts (6 months).... 13,660.17
Budget Deficit to date..... 6,139.83



CONSOLIDATED GIFT REPORT

November 1947

Operating Gifts.....\$1,620.57
Building Fund Gifts..... 273.00
Chapel Fund Gifts..... 1,334.00

Grand Total\$3,227.57

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND REPORT

Balance (September 1st).....\$ 7,559.17

Building Funds Receipts:

September Rec. 58-70..... 169.00

October Rec. 71-76..... 70.00

November Rec. 77-97..... 273.00

5% of Gift Income

September 77.70

October 77.32

November 81.03

Sale of equipment..... 1,126.80

Interest income 12.68

Credit from Chapel

Fund 900.00

(Transfer of Purchase Price)

\$10,346.70

Less expenditures\$ 4,307.05

Balance (November 30).....\$ 6,039.65

A REPORT ON THE NEW CHAPEL

As listed in the report on Chapel Fund Gifts, \$13,636.72 has been expended on the Chapel construction through November 13th. This cost is divided approximately as follows:

Purchase price at site, Camp

Forrest\$ 900.00

Cost of dismantling..... 900.00

Trucking materials to

campus 850.00

Foundation and ground

floor 6,000.00

Re-erection of main struc-

ture to date 4,986.72

After the building was purchased, thought and prayer led to the decision to make certain changes as it was re-erected. Chief among these was the decision to construct a ground floor dormitory of fourteen rooms and a shower room under the main structure. The room for additional students was urgently needed, and could be made here at far less expense than in any other manner.

The second decision was to construct two small apartments, one above the other, on the rear of the building. In its original construction, the Chapel had an attached one-story structure housing the boiler room. The modification permitted the boiler room and shower room on the ground floor, with the two apartments above, all under the same roof, a definite economy in construction. These decisions explain the \$6,000.00 item listed as "Foundation and ground floor," and for the apartments, about \$1,000 each, included in "Re-erection of the main structure."

The major part of the building is now under roof and rapidly progressing toward the time when the dormitory rooms can be occupied. Even though the construction of the Chapel has temporarily delayed resumption of construction on the administration building, the gain of an adequate chapel auditorium, apartments for two staff families, and dormitory quarters for thirty-two students—at a cost that will be much less than half of their value—seems the clear course of wisdom, and the definite leading of the Lord.

GIFTS TO CHAPEL

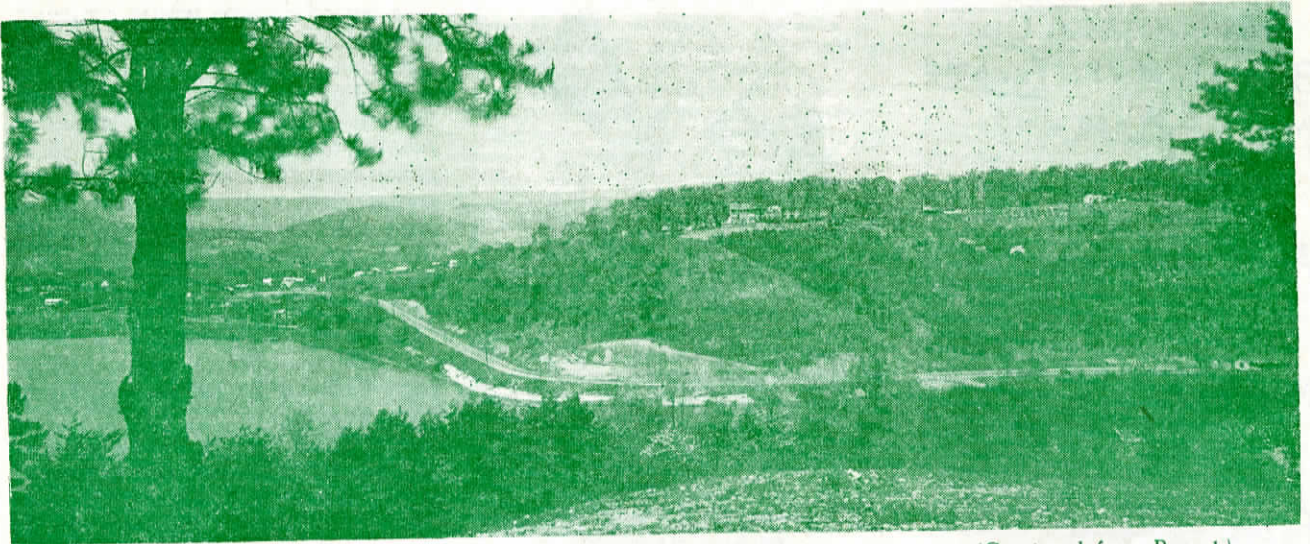
	November	To Date
Staff	\$ 9.00	\$ 489.00
Students	83.00	1,194.59
Alumni	110.00	554.16
Friends	1,132.00	2,842.00
Total	\$1,334.00	\$ 5,079.75
Deficit (from other funds)		\$ 8,556.97
Cost (through Nov. '47)		\$13,636.72



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make such a gift. Imagine the tears turning to laughter when she began opening the packages of compacts that she recognized as her own. But I've told you enough for you to see that, when the spirit is right, it is possible to have a joyful, although economical, Christmas.

I know that our friends can not now give as generously as they would like to give to the Lord's work at Bryan University. Because we have opened our doors to so many more fine young people than heretofore we do need a large sum of money this Christmas, but large gifts are not necessary if each friend will give what he can as unto Christ. Two dollars or more from each one receiving the NEWSETTE will mean much more than a very Merry Christmas to you and to your friends at Bryan University.



TOLIVERS RETURN TO CHINA

Just recently word has been received that Bryan's first missionaries, Ralph and Rebecca Toliver, will return to China with their three children sometime in January. Though they had anticipated being in the States for several months longer, the China Inland Mission headquarters recently informed them of the need for an almost immediate return to the land where they spent seven and a half years serving the Lord.

It is understood that Ralph will be used on the faculty of the Chungking Seminary for the training of Chinese Christian workers.

Though sorry to have the fellowship broken again, we rejoice to see them actively laboring in the harvest fields, to which labor they go with our earnest prayers.

DR. ARTHUR I. BROWN

We regret to announce the death of Dr. Arthur I. Brown, referred to in the article in this paper written by Rev. W. C. Bennett, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. Dr. Brown's testimony lives on in his and many other lives!

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to receive. Acts 20:35.

Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

II Corinthians 9:7.

HIKERS ENJOY OUTING

Some of the more ambitious of Bryan's hikers took advantage of the Thanksgiving holiday, tucked their bag lunches into convenient pockets or shirt fronts, and trudged out across the hills to the gulch and on up into the mountains.

The final destination, Laurel Falls, some five and a half or six miles from Bryan Hill, was to the new hikers all they had been promised, with more than the usual amount of water leaping out over the edge to burst into sparkling droplets and spray a hundred twenty-five feet below.

And the tree—that very famous "you-gotta-climb-it" tree—was there, too, and one by one individuals were pushed and pulled, some nervous, some downright scared, up onto the final heights above the falls. Here, following a short time of looking around, the group gathered to sing choruses and have prayer before starting the long trek home across the mountain.

OPENING RECITAL PLEASES

The first of three or four to be held during the year, the opening voice and instrumental recital was held on the evening of November 24th, presenting a number of Bryan's artists and the newly organized instrumental ensemble. The program follows:

Prayer.....President Rudd
Orchestra**—When Love Shines In Kirkpatrick
Choir*—(a) Lift Up Your Heads.....Adams
(b) I Lay My Sins on Jesus.....Speaks
Piano Solo—May Night.....Palmgren
Miss Wanda Burcham—Pupil of Mrs. Grote
Soprano Solo—(a) Pale Moon.....Logan
(b) Panis Angelicus.....Franck
(O Lord Most Holy)
Miss Lee Moreland**
Miss Dorothy Whitacre, Violin
Piano Solo—Hungarian Rhapsody.....Koelling
Miss Jennine Jones—Pupil of Mrs. Weniger
Contralto Solo—(a) Japanese Death Song Sharp
(b) When I See My Saviour.....Harkness
Miss Wanita King**

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ran the gamut from thanks for salvation to praise for the hard times of life, which are frequently God's richest blessings in disguise.

We at Bryan do praise the Lord for His goodness to us. We praise Him for the hardships and for the obstacles met along the way, for we sincerely believe in our hearts that these have been used of Him to enlarge and to deepen the testimony of the school. Surely, it is when we need Him most that we come to know Him best.

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE INTRODUCED

Recently introduced to Bryan music lovers was the University Instrumental Ensemble, which shared the platform with individual singers and instrumentalists at the opening recital last month.

Members of the ensemble include Prof. Stock (director), Dorothy Whitacre, and Marguerite Walker, violins; Merle Parsons and Harold Warner, trumpets; Ruth Ann Adams, flute; Bruce Brickel, clarinet; Robert Smith, trombone; Lamar Modert, drums; and Della Huck, piano.

Piano Solo—Moonlight Sonata (Adagio).....Beethoven
Mr. Sterling Theobald—Pupil of Mrs. Grote
Soprano Solo—(a) The False Prophet.....Scott
(b) The Twenty Third Psalm.....Maletto
Miss Virginia Oakley*
Piano Solo—Melody of Peace.....Martin
Miss June Bell—Pupil of Mrs. Grote
Soprano Solo—(a) Solvejg's Song.....Grieg
(b) Fear Ye Not O Israel.....Edwards
Mrs. Marjorie Westrom*
Piano Solo—Mazurka Brillante.....Heins
Miss Mary Frances Kennedy—Pupil of Mrs. Weniger
Sextette—I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked.....O'Hara
Misses Jewett, Lien, Marshall, McBride, Bell, King
Prayer.....Dean Ryther
Accompanists
Miss Jacqueline Howell* Miss Della Huck**
Miss Jacqueline Streightiff***
University Chapel
Mr. Gerald Teeter—Stage Manager

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